

Minutes of the Goessel City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Civic Center Community Room

Present: Mayor, Evan Esau; Council Members, Amanda Voth, Sam Griffin, John Stucky, Duane Adrian; City Clerk, Jennifer Bliss; Public Works, Alex Goossen; City Attorney, Reece Hiebert; Police, Anthony Voth

Guests: Luanne Soukup, John & Marcia Spielman, Justin Nickel, Glenn Herman

Call to Order:

- Mayor Esau called the regular council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda:

- **S Griffin moved, seconded by J Stucky, to accept the minutes from the regular council meeting on January 12th and the financial report. Motion carried.**

Public Comment:

- Public was present but no comment was made.

Council Position Opening:

- Mayor Esau administered the oath of office to new councilman Justin Nickel.

Public Works:

- Received 3 quotes for painting the city shop. Wheat State quoted \$6,521.71, Lavon's Family Painting quoted \$10,000, Jason Riggs Painting quoted \$15,375.00. Council reviewed. Investigate a few more items on the painting. Look into a mini split prior to the painting. Tabled for now.
- Water tower cleaning and inspection quotes were received and reviewed. Maguire submitted a bid for \$2,850, Viking quoted \$2,100. No decision made at this time.
- Do not have any quotes for asphalt milling currently.

City Clerk:

- Cleanup June 27th and Garage Sales June 20th.
- Did not receive the T-Mobile hometown grant.
- Trash pickup date changes from Tuesday to Monday starting the week of March 2nd. Waste Connections will tag carts to let residents know during the week of February 23rd.

Public Officer:

- Reviewed the report Kelli provided. No comments made.

GAAP Waiver:

- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve resolution 26-07. Motion carried.**

Other Business:

- Animal Control Replacement – discussed the requirements to have a kennel for holding dogs. Also discussed the need for a cage for transporting a dog that is caught.
- Work Session Reminder – will be held on March 5th at 6:00 p.m.
- Memorandum of Understanding – discussed the library boards thoughts on the MOU. Discussion was held.
- Park Equipment/Bridge – Equipment has arrived. Need to plan the installation. Jeremy Voth quoted \$5,000 for the work and \$750 for concrete. Received quotes for park gravel, ADA ramps, and dirt work.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to approve the quotes for park equipment installation and materials not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.**
- Camera Update – Reviewed the updated quote from HCI and the Ubiquiti quote that Mayor Esau drafted.
- **A Voth moved, seconded by J Stucky to approve the \$5,745 and \$810 proposal from HCI. Motion carried.**

- Tornado Siren – Blue Valley was able to come out and look at the tornado system that we currently have. There will need to be an additional piece of equipment to make their system work with ours and is working on getting us numbers for that.
- Nuisance Code Update – Reece needs to do some more pulling together before a finalization can occur.
- Emergency Plans – Nothing to report at this time.
- MPR Designee – **A Voth moved, seconded by S Griffin to assign Evan Esau as the designed for Midwest Public Risk. Motion carried.**

Executive Session:

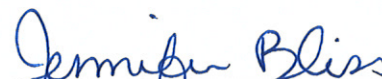
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by D Adrian to enter executive session for 20 minutes with council, Chief of Police, and Mayor present to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Motion carried.**
- **Extended the executive session by 10 minutes.**
- **Return to normal session.**
- **J Nickel moved, seconded by J Stucky to increase Anthony's wage to \$37.83 and increase James Bowlin to \$36.38 and to hire Landes Goodman at a rate of \$46.20 pending a background check with a total number of hours of 24 per week for the department with the exception of emergencies. Motion carried 3-1 with Amanda abstaining and Sam opposed.**
- **S Griffin moved, seconded by A Voth to enter executive session for 20 minutes with Council, Mayor and Alex present to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.**
- **Return to normal session.**
- **J Nickel moved, seconded by D Adrian to amend the previous motion to offer Landes Goodman \$37.00 per hour pending a background check. Motion carried.**

Adjournment:

- **J Stucky moved, seconded by D Adrian, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12. Motion carried.**



Evan Esau, Mayor



Jennifer Bliss, City Clerk